

OHR SRT News Summary, 7 May 1998

Headlines

- RS President Biljana Plavsic talked in London with British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook
- Donors' Conference in Brussels – Prime Minister Dodik announces the economic recovery of the RS
- FRY border guards prevent weapons from entering Albania
- French-German Summit in Avignon concluded

RS President Biljana Plavsic talked in London with the British Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, and John Reed, the British Minister of Defence. President Plavsic also visited the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development today.

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The fourth Donors' Conference started in Brussels today. Conclusions from the conference have to be the turning point for recovery and reconstruction of BiH, as distinct from previous conferences where there was a lack of macro-economic strategy – was the principle message of the Brussels meeting. The HR, Carlos Westendorp, stressed that a lot had been done on consolidating the situation in BiH; the BiH has a flag, passport, registration plates; several key laws have been adopted. "However," Westendorp added, "Drvar and Derventa show that there are still those who oppose the peace, which we will not tolerate." He asked for an additional \$5 million for reconstruction of the media in BiH. RS Prime Minister Dodik stressed that the Government, led by him, was moving towards economic recovery and cooperation with the IC, and all actions undertaken were aimed at resolving the crucial issues of the people.

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The SDA supports the initiative of establishing diplomatic relations between Belgrade and Sarajevo, a spokesman for the SDA, Ismet Grbo, said at a press conference held in Sarajevo.

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International mediator for succession issues, Sir Arthur Watts, informed the 5 successor countries of the former Yugoslavia that he had suspended further negotiations due to the FRY position. For the time being, it is not known if the decision is going to be provisional or permanent. The HR, Carlos Westendorp, will inform the Peace Implementation Council about this suspension.

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